

**TOWN OF BOWMAN
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES August 6, 2019**

Present: Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Rhett.

Council: Michael Void, Councilman

Leroy Harley, Councilman

L. Landrum Weathers, Councilman

Town Clerk: Melvin Felder, Jr.

Chief of Police: Kevin Pendarvis

Office Manager: Yvonne Lewis

The Town of Bowman Council meeting was called to order by Mayor Pro-Tem at 7:00 PM. Councilman L. Landrum Weathers offered the invocation. The previous meeting minutes were approved and adopted. Motion was offered by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley.

Mayor Pro-Tem presented the Family of the Late Marion Glenn, Jr with a proclamation on behalf of the Town of Bowman.

Citizen Request

Pearlie Heyward – Mrs. Heyward submitted a letter to the council on behalf of the Town donated the old appliances from the Bowman Nature Park to the Bethune-Bowman Athletic Department. It was noted that at this current time the appliances will be utilized within the Town facilities.

Joyce Jenkins – Ms. Joyce Jenkins presented a proposal to the Town on behalf of utilizing the old Bowman High School Football Field that is currently owned by the Town for recreational activities to include the adding of a softball field, lightning, football field, fencing and etc. She wanted to know if the town is willing to selling, lease, or donate the property to them for this endeavor. It was noted that the council will discuss and get back with Ms. Jenkins at a later date.

Administrative Updates

NONE

Finance Report

For the Month Ended July 2019

Sewer Operation \$ 11,902.09

General Fund \$67,331.00

Municipal Fund \$ 3,449.42

The financial report was motion to be accepted and place in the file for future reference by Councilman Void. Motion was properly second by Councilman Harley.

Water and Sewer Department - Leroy Harley - Councilman

Councilman Harley stated that he did not have a lot to report with the exception of the Operator's report detailing his usual work log for the month that included the various testing, changing of cylinders, minor repairs that were contracted out, and the monthly DMR Report that submitted to SCDHEC.

Police Department- Patsy Rhett- Councilperson

Chief Pendarvis gave the police department report. 15 reports were written for the month.

Pendarvis stated the department is gearing up for the Bowman Harvest Festival.

Pendarvis stated that the department will need to resign Mutual Agreements with the various towns for assistance when needed. He stated that the previous agreements are now void since the passing of the Mayor.

It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the Mutual Aid Agreements be resign by the Mayor Pro-Tem and the Chief.

Parks-Councilman Michael Void

Councilman Void stated that some improvements have been made at the Bowman Nature Park. He stated that the two bridges has been added and that more work is soon to be performed.

Councilman Void stated that in the old Bowman Police Station the air conditioners were not working, however, a repairman was contacted and one is in need of a compressor and the other one is back up and running.

Void stated that the Inner City Park will be adding four brighter bulbs on existing poles in the park to brighten up the park and that the work should be performed within the next two weeks.

Void stated that the Harvest Festival committee is looking to add additional power boxes for the festival to secure additional power supply for vendors.

Streets - Councilman Weathers

Councilman Weathers stated that he did not have a report of the streets, but that he will get on some of the projects that he and the Mayor already had in place.

It was further stated that SCDOT was in the area this week cutting on some of the right areas.

Old Business

Mayor Pro-Tem completed a request to add to Town records to address the concern of Resident Reatha Baxter on the matter of the property/area in which she resides. (Concern on not allowing any mobile homes to be placed on any properties in the area. Baxter is in receipt of signatures of almost all the property owners in that area in agreeance with it.) Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Rhett and Council signed that the placement of new mobile homes in that area would require an agreement in writing by the majority of the landowners whose signatures and addresses appear on the position. It was further added that at the death of the landowners whose names appear on the petition that the manner will become null and void.

New Business

Mayor Pro-Tem advised the Council on the upcoming Tri-County Chamber of Commerce meeting that is scheduled on August 15, 2019.

Mayor Pro-Tem read a Thank You Card from the family of the Late Mayor Marion Glenn, Jr.

Mayor Pro-Tem asked Council for permission to reopen an account that was previously closed in error. The account is that of the Bowman Police Department. It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the Town reopen/open a new account for the Bowman Police Department.

Mayor Pro-Tem Patsy Rhett introduced the Council to Ordinance 2019-08-06 – Adopting Ordinance – Comprehensive Plan. It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the town accepts the Ordinance as a 1st reading.

It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the Council go into executive session to handle personnel matters.

It was properly motioned by Councilman Void and second by Councilman Harley that the meeting be adjourned until the 1st Tuesday in September 2019.